

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Joseph R. Rulison

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**PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM TO
PREVIOUS PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for unintentionally delayed benefit claim to a previously provisional application. Specifically, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the claim of priority of the present matter to provisional Application Serial no. 60/238,114, filed October 6, 2000, hereinafter "provisional application." The present matter and the previous provisional application name the same inventor. In addition, the present matter was filed within one year of the filing date of the provisional application. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5), Applicant requests the claim of priority during the pendency of the present matter. This petition is accompanied concurrently herewith by an amendment to the outstanding Office Action of December 27, 2006. The Amendment in response includes a specific reference of claim of priority to the provisional application. The petition is also accompanied by an authorization for the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) in the amount of \$1,370.00 and the following statement.

Applicant acknowledges that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Applicant filed the provisional application and present matter without the assistance of a registered patent attorney or patent agent. Applicant and his counsel attempted to perfect the claim to priority by filing within the one year deadline and neither the Applicant nor the Applicant's counsel knew of the requirement to claim priority in the specification or Application Data Sheet. In responding to the outstanding Office Action of December 27, 2006, Applicant worked with new counsel, Mr. John Fleming, a registered patent attorney, to perfect the claim to priority as soon as possible. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the claim of priority to the provisional application due to this unintentional delay.

If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
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